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## COUNCIL RAPS PHONE SERVICE

Switch Board is Partly Responsible for Poor Service It Is Said—Phone Company Asked for Modern Equipment

The meeting of the council on Monday night, a letter from the public utility commission was read in which the city that a postponed or adjourned hearing on the telephone rates would be held in Portland on November 12th. The communication was read by Councilman Charles Wheeler to remark that inasmuch as the phone company would soon move its new quarters in the bank building, that he thought it an opportunity to make a request or demand that modern equipment be installed. The switchboard now in use, Mr. Wheeler said, was of the type of '69 or '70 and no other of the size and importance of St. Helens had such a board. When one calls central, instead of hearing the receiver and hearing "hello" one has to ring loud and long. When the conversation is over, one is lucky to get the desired party, as stay connected until the connection is finished.

### Unnecessary Delay

A switchboard was considered to be some 30 or 40 years old, it was stated, but in these times it is about as modern as the Columbus school, some several years ago as compared with the Atlantic liner of today. The council thought that St. Helens was entitled to better service than such service could be obtained by installing modern equipment. One patron of the phone office stated that he was in the center a few days since and 15 plugs in at one time. It is possible, he thought, for the city to attend to the lines and properly care for the installers.

Request had been made to the office for a newer and more modern switch board. The St. Helens office referred the matter to the land office. That office placed up of approval upon the request and sent it to San Francisco, where it is being handled. The powers that be in the telephone kingdom in the Bay City, sent back with the "nothing" sign attached.

It was suggested that when the council and the mayor or a committee of the council attend the meeting of the public utility commission on the 12th inst., that a complaint be entered relative to the impossibility of maintaining service with the antiquated and out-of-date equipment which the San Francisco officials of the phone company do.

One of the phone company do the abrupt disposal of the by the before mentioned S. F. of the phone company, Mr. Mayor and council think St. Helens has been given any consideration and it is possible that the high might be brought to a reality that a town the size and importance of St. Helens is entitled to consideration, a fact that seems to have overlooked.

## LOGS BREAK LOOSE

Heavy rains in the Willamette caused the Willamette river to rapidly that several rafts from City and Portland were on their mooring and started down stream. Wednesday morning a hundred of the logs passed on. There was an endless stream of them from above the light to Columbia City. Harold and Art Mace took the log and Wiggins launches and 300,000 feet of the rungs and tied them up near land. The owners of the logs, however, stated, were Portland. Many of the logs that broke will not be recovered and the will be at quite an expense in picking up those logs which can be.

## HELENS RAISES MEMORIAL QUOTA

St. Helens district has raised its quota for the Roosevelt memorial fund, according to a letter given out by George A. The quota for the county was \$100 and of this amount \$100 was given to St. Helens. Mr. Gore received advices from other in the county as many of the remitted direct to state officers, but he believes that the amount allotted to the has been raised. St. Helens school children contributed a little over \$10 to the memorial fund. The Clatskanie school was second with \$9.50. Other county contributed \$1.00. Mr. Gore said, Emerson, who has been ill for the past few days, was taken to a Portland hospital Thursday. He might receive attention. His friends hope he will recover.

## GRANGERS MEET AT CLATSKANIE

Hazel Grove Grange is Host to Visiting Grange Members

Pomona Grange met with Hazel Grove Grange near Clatskanie Saturday last. For the first time in the grange history of Columbia county, every grange in the county was represented and the attendance was large.

C. E. Spence, state master of the grange, was one of the principal speakers. R. W. Gill also gave an interesting talk. He played the Non-Partisan League, the red element and the I. W. W. trouble maker. His speech was well received and the hearty applause he received demonstrated that the grangers were heartily in sympathy with his views.

The committee on resolutions presented their report, which was adopted. One of the resolutions was that some farmer, irrespective of party alliance, be selected as a representative to the legislature. Another resolution was that the county court should make an annual appropriation of \$2000 for the county fair. The amount now given the fair board is \$1000. It was thought by the grangers that if the appropriation was increased that better premium awards could be made and more interest aroused in exhibiting live stock and agricultural exhibits at the fair.

## SCHOOL PUPILS NUMBER 554

The monthly report of school attendance as prepared by Prof. J. B. Wilkerson, superintendent of the St. Helens schools, shows that 544 pupils are attending the schools here. Of this number 248 are boys and 296 girls. The number of days taught during the month (October) was 17 and the whole number of days' attendance was 8,689. The number of whole days absence was 354. The number of times late was 26 and the number of pupils neither absent or late was 354. The average daily attendance was 514 or 97 per cent. The number of visits by parents is given at 8 and the number of visits by members of school board as 0. The number of pupils on the register since the beginning of the school year and by grades are: 1st, 86; 2nd, 60; 3rd, 57; 4th, 60; 5th, 52; 6th, 55; 7th, 44; 8th, 33; 9th, 50; 10th, 26; 11th, 16; 12th, 14.

## LIVESTOCK SHOW PORTLAND, NOV. 17

In its ninth year of growing success the Pacific International Livestock Exposition will be given at Portland, Oregon, the week of November 17 to 22 under the roof of a new pavilion covering 7½ acres and representing an investment of nearly half a million dollars. Three thousand purebred animals in the cattle, horse, sheep, swine and goat classes have been entered. Eleven states are represented in the exhibits. Coincident with the exposition will be held the extensive exhibits and practical educational program of the Western Dairy Products Show. The annual convention of the Western Dairy-Inspector's association will also be held in conjunction.

## BURGLAR VISITS HARRISON HOME

Sunday night Mrs. A. S. Harrison was awakened by a light being flashed in her face. She states she saw a man standing in the hallway. She awoke her husband and turned on the lights. Mr. Harrison and son, Dewey, made a search of the house, but did not look in the clothes closet which is in the hallway. The next morning they noticed the closet open and also the back door open. Harrison is sure that the man hid in the clothes closet while the house was being searched and when every one went back to bed, made his escape.

## BACHELOR FLAT HONOR LIST

Following is the honor list for the Bachelor Flat school, District No. 54, for the month of October. Miss Coulogue teaches this school.

Ena Lindberg, Crystal Burkhead, Bessie Jacobsen, Ruth McKee, Viola Soderberg, Esther Ewerwood, Lois Masten, Linea Skarberg, Thelma Greenland, Elsie Peterson, Ethel Lindberg, Sylvia Greenland, Joseph Bennett, Irving Larson, Kendall Burkhead, Harold Almroth, Erick Skarberg, Leslie Skuzie, Charles Bennett, Edward Madsen, Carl Skarberg, Clifford Greenland, Edwin Simon.

## ARMISTICE DAY TO BE OBSERVED

Armistice Day, Tuesday, November 11th, will be observed in St. Helens. No special program has been prepared, but most of the stores will close for a part or all of the day. Governor Olcott had issued a proclamation designating the day as a legal holiday, so all of the banks will close. Mayor Saxon has not issued a proclamation stating that he thought the governor's proclamation was all that was necessary. However, he urges the citizens of St. Helens to join in the celebration of the day.

James Muckle of Portland, was here Saturday, greeting old acquaintances.

## FARBES WELCOMES ITS "FERDIE" FOCH



Here is pictured the "day of days" for Farbes, France. It is the "homecoming" of the great allied military leader, General Foch. In the small town in southern France they waited many days for this great event, townspeople pride that such a great man should have been brought up amongst them. General Foch is standing on the steps of his home—his birthplace.

## THE RED CROSS CRUSADE BEGINS

St. Helens District is Organized and Workers are Soliciting Members—American Legion is Assisting in the Work.

The Red Cross Crusade for membership began yesterday in St. Helens. The work for this district is under the supervision of Charles Wheeler and George A. Gore. The former will look after the organization and team work in the business and residential sections of the city and the latter and his team of Legion workers will solicit in the shipyards, mills and other industrial plants.

The American Legion team is under command of Captain S. B. Hoskins and he has assigned his men as follows: at the St. Helens Lumber Co. mill, Frank Thompson, C. C. Walker, T. Dams and M. O'Brien. At the shipyard, H. Voshel, A. Newbold and F. Smedlund. At the Columbia County mill and creosote plant, William Russell and F. Ketel. Oswald Deming will assist to canvass the business district and Eddie Benson will collect the dollars and issue memberships to the longshoremen.

Mr. Wheeler states that the city will be divided into districts and that the ladies of the local Red Cross auxiliary will look after the soliciting in these districts.

County is Organized. Columbia county has been thoroughly organized with a system of auxiliaries in every town and lumber camp along the river. Mrs. Fred Trow will again be in charge of the membership drive in Rainier and has been pledged full support by the Legion Post No. 31, under the direction of Chairman Harry Morrison.

Mrs. W. C. Campbell is in charge of the campaign in the vicinity of Seapooose and Mrs. S. C. Esterday has been placed in charge of the Clatskanie district.

"Carry On" is the slogan of the membership campaign, voiced by the American Red Cross, known throughout the dark period of the war as "the greatest mother in the world" and the drive which opened yesterday and ends on Armistice Day, next Tuesday, is to pledge the continuance of the efforts of the organization's efforts, the post-war work which remains to be accomplished.

Messrs. Wheeler and Gore are gratified at the liberal response made on the opening day of the campaign, and feel certain that the St. Helens district will go over the top. Join the American Red Cross. All you need is a Heart and a Dollar.

Prof. Rhinesmith, principal of the McBride school, entertained the pupils of the seventh and eighth grades at a Halloween party Friday night. Typical and interesting games of the Halloween time were played and nice refreshments served. A most pleasant evening was had by all present.

## THE ST. HELENS MIST SUBSCRIPTION CAMPAIGN

Standing of Contestants  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5th

Name	District	Votes
1. Gladys Garrison	Seapooose	76,500
2. Gladys Lake	St. Helens	65,500
3. Lillian Brown	Goble	55,000
4. Rosa Baseel	Houlton	54,000
5. Hazel Malmsten	Vernonia	42,000
6. Grace Howell	St. Helens	41,500
7. Ora Hyde	Yankton	40,000
8. Ivalo Tracy	Columbia City	34,000
9. Helen Dodd	St. Helens	29,500
10. Eleanor Larsen	Warren	26,000
11. Erna Gill	Deer Island	25,000
12. Mrs. S. W. Nagle	Bachelor Flat	22,500
13. Zue Gage	St. Helens	20,000
14. Mrs. Pearl Koble	Shiloh Basin	20,000
15. Irene Nelson	Chapman	17,500
16. Gertrude Large	St. Helens	15,000

## TERMINAL COMPANY WORK IS RUSHED

Caps Placed on Long Trestle and Ties Being Laid

Work is being rushed on the railroad track and trestle of the St. Helens Dock and Terminal Co. All of the caps and stringers are in place and the work of laying the ties has begun. The company have on hand quite a supply of rails, and as soon as practicable the rail laying crew will be closely following the tie crew.

On the track leading from the Island Lumber company mill to the dock on Sauvie Island, rails will be laid this week, it was stated at the company's office.

Plans and specifications have been prepared for a draw bridge which will have a 50-foot span and cross Frognore slough at the south end of the mill yard. Several types of bridges are under consideration and bridge engineers have submitted the plans of the several types to the contractors. It was stated by Mr. Wheeler that the type of bridge would be decided upon within a few days and the contract let for its erection.

At the present progress of the work it appears possible that within the next sixty days or possibly earlier, citizens of St. Helens may view a sight never before seen by them—a real railroad and a real engine and train running into the business section of the town.

## NEW DEPUTY FOR CLERK'S OFFICE

Edward Veazie has been appointed deputy county clerk to succeed Miss Marie Paulsen, resigned. Mr. Veazie's appointment becomes effective tomorrow. County Clerk Hunt is pleased to have secured Mr. Veazie for his chief helper as he is an experienced accountant and office man. For sometime past he has been in the employ of the St. Helens Shipbuilding Co., in the accounting department.

Miss Marie Paulsen, deputy county clerk, will leave tomorrow night for Portland, where she will spend a week with her mother and then go on to Detroit, Michigan, to spend the winter with her sister, Mrs. Fred Ragan.

Miss Paulsen, who enjoys the distinction of having been the first woman to hold the position of deputy clerk in Columbia county, made an enviable record in the clerk's office. She served as deputy clerk for more than a year.

## WILL RIDE GOAT AT I. O. O. F. TONIGHT

After a summer of comparative quiet St. Helens Lodge No. 117, I. O. O. F., will begin their winter activities tonight when they will have four or five candidates to walk the hot sands of the desert or to ride the goat. After the initiation a banquet will be served and the newly initiated brothers will partake of it—provided they are in condition to do so.

According to an officer of the lodge the membership is now close to 175 and with renewed interest in the work of the lodge it is hoped to have an even 200 members before the winter sessions are over. The lodge is in a flourishing financial condition and is entirely free of debt. In addition to owning their own home and a cemetery, the lodge has about \$2500 in cash and Liberty bonds, a record each member is very proud of.

## COUNTY COURT ASKED TO AID

Representatives from the Rainier Commercial club and the St. Helens Chamber of Commerce called on the county court Wednesday and discussed with them the matter of making an appropriation from county funds for the carrying on of the work of the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce.

Quite a number of the counties in the state have agreed to include in their budget such an appropriation which is to be used by the Oregon State Chamber for the development of the entire state and toward interesting settlers and investors in locating in Oregon.

At the present time each county or city commercial club works along its own plan and much of the work is duplicated and the results obtained are not satisfactory. It is thought that if the matter can be under the direction of the State Chamber that better results will be obtained and all of Oregon will be benefitted.

A party of prominent railroad officials were here Wednesday, inspecting the mill and creosoting works. In the party were John Foley, chief purchasing agent of lumber for the railroad administration; Chief Engineer Rex of the A. T. & S. F. R. R. and Chief Engineer Smith of the Northern Pacific R. R. They were on an inspection trip and went to San Francisco from here.

An ordinance was ordered drawn for the assessments against the property owners.

City Engineer VanOrshoven submitted an estimate for the improvement of Winter street between Tualatin and Plymouth streets and building permits were granted to H. W. Cade and H. A. Cripe to erect residences in West St. Helens.

The usual monthly bills were audited and ordered paid and the council wound up quite a griot of city business before adjournment.

## MIST CONTEST IS ON HOME STRETCH

Workers Are Making Great Headway and the Young Ladies who Stick to the Work Are Sure to Receive a Handsome Prize for Effort.

The big subscription contest being carried on by us now is at the half-mile post, and the beginning of next week will see all the contestants on the home stretch and exerting all their energies to breast the tape ahead of their rivals.

The contest has now narrowed down to an endurance race between the ambitious ones who are really in earnest about securing one of the many valuable prizes within their reach. Those who are not doing their best (and there are a few of these) are throwing away an easy chance of getting a splendid reward themselves.

The one who is seen to be in earnest and who is doing her best soon gets help from her friends. Several sources unknown to themselves, and probably others will also profit in the same way before the close of the contest. One young woman came into the office the other day and complained that it seemed to her that all persons approached had already given the subscription or promised it to others. She felt discouraged and thought of giving up the work. She was encouraged to continue. Within an hour a person whom she had not seen or expected a vote from called and paid enough money to entitle him to 10,000 votes. These votes he ordered paid to the young lady in question. On learning this she took new courage and went to the work with renewed vigor and is now high among the leaders of the contest. By this it will be seen that it is unwise to become too early discouraged. Keep at it if you would win one of the best prizes.

The contestants working in the neighboring towns are peculiarly fortunate in one respect. By glancing at the vote schedule they will see that a new subscription counts for more than a renewal. The contestants having the outlying districts find a much larger percentage of those they approach are not subscribers than those working here at home, hence they are able to get many new names and have a much larger total for the subscriptions they turn in. One such in sending in a list of names, did not send in one renewal; hence her total was several thousand votes larger than it would have been otherwise.

With this final word of counsel to the contestants, we wish to urge that each one prepare to make the next week count the biggest of all. The contest closes a week from Saturday night. There is time yet to accomplish big results. You have your bearings now. You know who are subscribers and who are not, and hence you need lose no time in determining how to approach those whom you wish to interest in your work. You, by this time, have your line or argument better outlined and should be able to present your case more effectively, and hence make much greater headway than during the first week.

By all means whatever else you do, do not falter now. Most of you have made good starts and it only remains for you to keep closely at the work in a convincing way to bring you home with one of the best prizes in the list.

## HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

Mrs. J. W. Akin visited the school Wednesday afternoon.

Wade Rutherford broke his arm Tuesday afternoon, while engaged in a practice game of football.

The freshmen will give a party Friday evening in the school auditorium.

The Literary Society will meet Friday evening in section one of the study hall.

Rev. Sparrow spoke on the subject of school spirit at the assembly Friday afternoon.

It seems an assured fact that we shall have a high school orchestra. Practice will begin next week.

A number of the high school pupils are preparing 10-minute talks which will be given in the grade rooms. Very favorable reports have been made by the teachers in the rooms where these talks were made this week.

About twelve pupils have promised to enter the "try out" for places on the debating team. We expect to have two good teams this year and will endeavor to win the championship of the county.

Our football team will play Rainier, November 11th, at Rainier. This game promises to be one of unusual interest since a strong rivalry exists between the two schools.

## ARMISTICE BALL MONDAY NIGHT

Members of the American Legion have everything in readiness for their big Armistice Day ball, which will be held in the city hall Monday night. Webb's colored orchestra of Portland will furnish the music for the occasion and the members of the Legion look forward to a pleasant evening and expect that a large crowd will attend.